

Arrest on Out-of-District Offense

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**

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**SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

U.S. DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

**ARREST ON OUT-OF-DISTRICT OFFENSE**

BY MS DEPUTY

**'07 MJ 2649**

Magistrate Case Number: \_\_\_\_\_

The person charged as Rafael Alex [REDACTED] Fletes now appears before this United States District Court for an initial appearance as a result of the following charges having been filed in the United States District Court for the Central District of California with Conspiracy to Distribute Methamphetamine and Distribution of Methamphetamine in violation of 21 U.S.C. Sections 846 and 841(a)(1)(b)(1)(B)(viii)

The charging documents and the warrant of the arrest of the defendant which was issued by the above United States District Court are attached hereto.

I hereby swear under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

DATED: 11/13/07

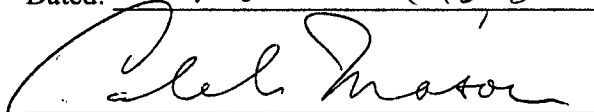


(Name)

Deputy United States Marshal FBI

Reviewed and Approved:

Dated: November 13, 2007



Assistant United States Attorney

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

United States of America

Plaintiff(s)

CASE NUMBER:

CR **07-01175**

v.

**RAFAEL ALEX FLETES**  
 aka Gizmo

Defendant(s)

**WARRANT FOR ARREST  
UNDER SEAL**

TO: UNITED STATES MARSHAL AND ANY AUTHORIZED UNITED STATES OFFICER

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to arrest **RAFAEL ALEX FLETES, aka Gizmo**and bring him/her forthwith to the nearest Magistrate Judge to answer a(n): ☐ Complaint ☒ Indictment☐ Information ☐ Order of Court ☐ Probation Violation Petition ☐ Violation Notice

charging him/her with: (ENTER DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE BELOW)

**Conspiracy to Distribute Methamphetamine;  
Distribution of Methamphetamine**

in violation of Title **21**; United States Code, Section(s) **846, 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(B)(viii)**:Sherri R. Carter

NAME OF ISSUING OFFICER

October 19, 2007LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

DATE AND LOCATION OF ISSUANCE

Clerk of Court

TITLE OF ISSUING OFFICER

**JANET AGHBOLAGHI**

SIGNATURE OF DEPUTY CLERK

BY: **CARLA WOEHRLE**

NAME OF JUDICIAL OFFICER

**RETURN**

THIS WARRANT WAS RECEIVED AND EXECUTED WITH THE ARREST OF THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT AT (LOCATION):

DATE RECEIVED \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF ARRESTING OFFICER \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF ARREST \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE \_\_\_\_\_

 DESCRIPTIVE INFORMATION FOR DEFENDANT  
 CONTAINED ON PAGE TWO

SIGNATURE OF ARRESTING OFFICER \_\_\_\_\_

**WARRANT FOR ARREST**

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CLERK U.S. DISTRICT COURT  
CENTRAL DIST. OF CALIF.  
LOS ANGELES

BY \_\_\_\_\_

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
June 2007 Grand Jury

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

RAFAEL ALEX FLETES,

aka "Gizmo,"

JAMES ANTHONY VILLALOBOS,

aka "Husky," and

HECTOR MANUEL SANCHEZ,

aka "Stranger,"

Defendants.

No. CR 07-

**07-U1175**

I N D I C T M E N T

[21 U.S.C. § 846: Conspiracy  
to Distribute Methamphetamine;  
21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1),  
(b)(1)(B)(viii): Distribution  
of Methamphetamine]

The Grand Jury charges:

COUNT ONE

[21 U.S.C. §§ 846; 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(B)(viii)]

A. OBJECT OF THE CONSPIRACY

Beginning in or about May 2006, and continuing until on or  
about May 8, 2006, in Los Angeles County, within the Central  
District of California, defendants RAFAEL ALEX FLETES, also known  
as ("aka") "Gizmo" (FLETES), JAMES ANTHONY VILLALOBOS, aka "Husky"

1 (VILLALOBOS), HECTOR MANUEL SANCHEZ, aka "Stranger" (SANCHEZ),  
2 and others known and unknown to the Grand Jury, conspired and  
3 agreed with each other to knowingly and intentionally distribute  
4 5 grams or more of a mixture or substance containing a detectable  
5 amount of methamphetamine, a schedule II narcotic drug controlled  
6 substance, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections  
7 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(B)(viii).

8 B. MEANS BY WHICH THE OBJECT OF THE CONSPIRACY WAS TO BE  
9 ACCOMPLISHED

10 The object of the conspiracy was to be accomplished in  
11 substance as follows:

12 1. Defendant VILLALOBOS would identify prospective buyers  
13 of methamphetamine.

14 2. Defendant VILLALOBOS would negotiate the quantity and  
15 price of the methamphetamine to be sold with the prospective  
16 buyer.

17 3. Defendant VILLALOBOS would contact defendant SANCHEZ to  
18 arrange a time and location where the transaction would occur.

19 4. Defendant SANCHEZ would advise defendant FLETES of the  
20 negotiated terms of the proposed deal.

21 5. As arranged by defendants VILLALOBOS and SANCHEZ,  
22 defendant FLETES would meet with the prospective buyer and  
23 provide the prospective buyer with methamphetamine.

24 6. Defendant FLETES would collect payment for the  
25 methamphetamine from the buyer.

26 C. OVERT ACTS

27 In furtherance of the conspiracy and to accomplish the  
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1 object of the conspiracy, defendants FLETES, VILLALOBOS, SANCHEZ,  
2 and others known and unknown to the Grand Jury, committed various  
3 overt acts on or about the following dates within the Central  
4 District of California, including, but not limited to, the  
5 following:

6 1. In or about May 2006, defendant VILLALOBOS advised a  
7 confidential witness ("CW") of the Federal Bureau of  
8 Investigation that defendant VILLALOBOS had a source who could  
9 supply the CW with methamphetamine.

10 2. In or about May 2006, defendant VILLALOBOS informed the  
11 CW that his source would sell the CW two ounces of  
12 methamphetamine for \$1,400.

13 3. On or about May 8, 2006, defendant VILLALOBOS  
14 instructed the CW that the transaction would take place later  
15 that day in Long Beach.

16 4. On or about May 8, 2006, defendant VILLALOBOS brought  
17 the CW to defendant SANCHEZ's Long Beach residence to conduct the  
18 transaction.

19 5. On or about May 8, 2006, defendant SANCHEZ called  
20 defendant FLETES to provide defendant FLETES with directions to  
21 defendant SANCHEZ's residence.

22 6. On or about May 8, 2006, defendant FLETES met-up with  
23 defendant SANCHEZ, defendant VILLALOBOS and the CW at defendant  
24 SANCHEZ's residence to conduct the transaction.

25 7. On or about May 8, 2006, defendant FLETES accepted  
26 \$1,400 payment from the CW.

1       8.    On or about May 8, 2006, defendant FLETES provided the  
2 CW with two ounces of methamphetamine.

3       9.    On or about May 8, 2006, defendant SANCHEZ weighed the  
4 two ounces of methamphetamine for the CW.

5       10.   On or about May 8, 2006, defendant VILLALOBOS collected  
6 a finder's fee for his role in initiating the methamphetamine  
7 transaction.

COUNT TWO

[21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(B)(viii)]

On or about May 8, 2006, in Los Angeles County, within the Central District of California, defendants RAFAEL ALEX FLETES, aka "Gizmo," JAMES VILLALOBOS, aka "Husky," and HECTOR MANUEL SANCHEZ, aka "Stranger," knowingly and intentionally distributed 5 grams or more, namely, approximately 21.7 grams, of actual methamphetamine, a schedule II narcotic drug controlled substance.

COUNT THREE

[21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(B)(viii)]

On or about June 28, 2006, in Los Angeles County, within the Central District of California, defendant RAFAEL ALEX FLETES, aka as "Gizmo," knowingly and intentionally distributed 5 or more grams, namely, approximately 18.4 grams, of actual methamphetamine, a schedule II narcotic drug controlled substance.

A TRUE BILL

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Foreperson

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